

ideal location for a cyber battalion. Home to the Department of Defense's only live, full-scale cyber range, Muscatatuck Urban Training Center boasts cutting-edge technology that is only a stone's throw away from national experts at the Naval Surface Warfare Center—Crane.

I am thankful for the opportunity to have visited Camp Atterbury and Muscatatuck a few weeks ago, and I hope that soon we are able to welcome the next cyber battalion to the Hoosier State.

SUPPORTING THE FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Hours of Service proposal to improve safety and increase flexibility for truck drivers.

Over 80 percent of Hoosiers depend on the trucking industry to keep their businesses moving. Reducing these burdensome regulations will help Hoosiers and all Americans.

As a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, providing flexibility for our truckers is my top priority. Thank you, Secretary Chao, for supporting commonsense proposals to increase the safety of our Nation's roads.

SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF THE USMCA

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to reiterate my commitment to passing the USMCA, a deal that will lead to strong economic growth for Hoosiers and the American people.

The USMCA will generate tens of billions of dollars and create over 175,000 new American jobs. Why won't Speaker PELOSI act? This agreement would rebalance trade for American manufacturing, increase market access for agriculture, and level the playing field for our small businesses.

While back in my district, I met with Hoosier farmers and manufacturers who told me the same thing: Congress needs to act now. Pass the USMCA. I urge my colleagues to put partisan politics aside and ratify the USMCA on behalf of our farmers, ranchers, businesses, and all American workers.

THANKING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank the U.S. Department of Agriculture for standing with Hoosier farmers. They have faced hardship due to adverse weather conditions. Indiana farmers experienced prolonged rains, negatively impacting their ability to plant corn and soybeans before crop insurance deadlines passed.

Just 2 weeks ago, Secretary Perdue declared 74 counties across the Hoosier State eligible for Federal assistance. On behalf of Indiana's Sixth District, I want to thank the Secretary for assisting farmers faced with a shortened growing season and a small harvest with access to this critical help.

SUPPORTING BROADBAND ACCESS

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding an issue impacting

constituents in every corner of Indiana's Sixth District. My district ranks among the lowest in the Nation in regard to broadband access.

According to the FCC, 42 percent of Hoosiers in rural areas of my district are without high speed broadband internet. That puts almost half of my constituents in rural communities at a disadvantage. This is not unique to my district. Over 16.8 million rural Americans across this Nation are lacking adequate access to a broadband connection.

We must ensure rural America is not left behind. We must close the digital divide.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 28 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

Pastor Kevin Yriarte, Journey of Faith Church, Covina, California, offered the following prayer:

Father, thank You for our leaders You have chosen. Lord, search their hearts and give them wisdom and discernment to lead our Nation, courage to stand for what is right.

Bring peace to this House, Your presence to these Halls. May our leaders never lose their individual uniqueness, but may they also never lose their unity as one. Prevent differences from distracting from purpose; unite what others would try to divide; restore what is broken.

Thank You that we live in a country where we are free to live, free to believe, free to express. May we remember that we are not a country divided by different views or beliefs; we are a country of people united by Your love as one body, one nation. Your Word created this country. May Your Word sustain this country.

God, continue to cover, protect, and bless America.

In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) come

forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BUDD led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING PASTOR KEVIN YRIARTE

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. NAPOLITANO) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Madam Speaker, I am very pleased to introduce to the House and bid welcome to Pastor Kevin Yriarte today, founder and senior pastor at Journey of Faith Church in Covina.

Thank you, Pastor Kevin, for coming from Covina, and your family, and for the wonderful prayer.

Pastor Kevin, as he is known, has been married for 25 years to his wife, L.A. County Superior Court Judge Geanene Yriarte. They have two sons: Jordan and Ryder. Ryder is here. Jordan is in his third year at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and Ryder plans to follow the same path.

After years of working in the business world, Pastor Kevin was called by the Lord into ministry full-time. Pastor Kevin works to strengthen the weak, heal the wounded, and restore the broken.

Pastor Kevin is also the chaplain of the City of La Verne Police Department. He provides spiritual support and counseling to the police department, the residents of the city of La Verne, and to the victims of crimes and families as needed.

In April 2019, Pastor Kevin became a parent admissions partner for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. He assists the academy in performing interviews with potential candidates and represents the academy at various functions.

Pastor Kevin has been helpful in many important events for California's 32nd District, my district. He is an integral part in our annual prayer breakfast and is known for his inspirational and uplifting prayers.

Pastor, thank you for today's blessing and for the work you do to spread and promote the Gospel throughout the San Gabriel Valley. May God continue to bless your ministry.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Miss Kaitlyn Roberts, one of his secretaries.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.